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Applicant/Patent Owner: Valeant Pharmaceuticals North America (formerly known as Xcel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.)

Application No./Patent No.: 10/727,658 Filed/Issue Date: December 5, 2003

Entitled: Combinations of potassium channel openers and sodium channel inhibitors or sodium channel-influencing active compounds for treating pains

Valeant Pharmaceuticals North America, a Corporation
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